

GEORGIA MEDICAID FEE-FOR-SERVICE ANALGESICS, NARCOTICS SHORT PA SUMMARY

IR=immediate-release

LENGTH OF AUTHORIZATION: Varies

NOTES:

- Short-acting narcotics will hit a PA edit for concurrent therapy with buprenorphine or buprenorphine/naloxone (Bunavail, Suboxone, Zubsolv) opioid dependency agents that have been dispensed within the last 7 days.
- Short-acting narcotics will hit a PA edit for opioid-naïve patients being prescribed ≥50 morphine milligram equivalents (MME) per day or being prescribed >7-day supply.

PA CRITERIA:

Acetaminophen/Caffeine/Dihydrocodeine Generic

Approvable for members 18 years of age or older with a diagnosis of moderate to severe acute pain who have experienced an inadequate response with acetaminophen/codeine and who have experienced an inadequate response with tramadol/acetaminophen or an allergy, contraindication, drug-drug interaction or intolerable side effect to tramadol.

Benzhydrocodone/Acetaminophen Generic

Prescriber must submit a written letter of medical necessity stating the reasons the preferred products, generic hydrocodone/acetaminophen and tramadol/acetaminophen, are not appropriate for the member.



Butalbital/Acetaminophen/Caffeine/Codeine 50-300-40-30mg Generic

❖ Prescriber must submit a written letter of medical necessity stating the reasons the preferred product, generic butalbital/acetaminophen/caffeine/codeine with 325 mg of acetaminophen, is not appropriate for the member.

Butalbital/Aspirin/Caffeine Codeine Generic

❖ Approvable for members who have an allergy, contraindication, drug-drug interaction or intolerable side effect to acetaminophen or prescriber must submit a written letter of medical necessity stating the reasons the preferred product, generic butalbital/acetaminophen/caffeine/codeine with 325 mg of acetaminophen, is not appropriate for the member.

Codeine Generic

❖ Approvable for members who have experienced an inadequate response, allergies, contraindications, drug-drug interactions or intolerable side effects to at least two preferred products.

Dilaudid Oral Liquid and Meperidine Oral Solution Generic

❖ Approvable for members who are unable to swallow solid oral dosage formulations (i.e., tablets, capsules) and who have experienced an inadequate response, allergies, contraindications, drug-drug interactions or intolerable side effects to at least two preferred oral liquid products.

Hydrocodone/Ibuprofen 5-200 mg, 10-200 mg Generic and Ibudone

- ❖ For the 5-200 mg strength, approvable for members who have an allergy, contraindication, drug-drug interaction or intolerable side effect to acetaminophen.
- ❖ For the 10-200 mg strength, approvable for members who have an allergy, contraindication, drug-drug interaction or intolerable side effect to acetaminophen and who have experienced an inadequate response to the preferred strength, 7.5-200 mg.

Hydromorphone Rectal Suppository Generic and Morphine Rectal Suppository Generic

❖ Approvable for members experiencing vomiting.

Meperidine Tablets Generic

Approvable for members who have experienced an inadequate response, allergies, contraindications, drug-drug interactions or intolerable side effects to at least two of the following preferred products: hydromorphone IR, morphine IR, oxycodone IR, oxycodone/acetaminophen IR and tramadol IR.

Nalocet and Primlev

Prescriber must submit a written letter of medical necessity stating the reasons the preferred products, generic oxycodone/acetaminophen IR and generic oxycodone IR, are not appropriate for the member.

Nucynta Tablets

❖ Approvable for members 18 years of age or older with a diagnosis of moderate to severe acute pain who have experienced an inadequate response, allergies, contraindications, drug-



drug interactions or intolerable side effects to at least two of the following preferred products: hydromorphone IR, morphine IR, oxycodone IR, oxycodone/acetaminophen IR and tramadol IR.

Oxycodone Concentrate Oral Solution Generic

❖ Approvable for members who are opioid tolerant and have experienced an inadequate response with morphine concentrate oral solution or an allergy, contraindication, drug-drug interaction or intolerable side effect to morphine.

Oxycodone/Aspirin Generic and Oxycodone/Ibuprofen Generic

Approvable for members who have experienced an allergy, contraindication, drug-drug interaction or intolerable side effect to acetaminophen.

Oxymorphone IR Generic

- ❖ Approvable for members 18 years of age or older with a diagnosis of moderate to severe acute pain who have experienced an inadequate response, allergies, contraindications, drugdrug interactions or intolerable side effects to at least two of the following preferred products: hydromorphone IR, morphine IR, oxycodone IR, oxycodone/acetaminophen IR and tramadol IR.
- ❖ Approvable for members with a diagnosis of cancer, HIV or sickle cell anemia who are currently taking a long-acting narcotic or narcotic infusion and experiencing breakthrough pain.

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Prescriber must submit a written letter of medical necessity stating the reasons the preferred product, generic oxycodone IR, is not appropriate for the member.

Pentazocine/Naloxone Generic

❖ Approvable for members 12 years of age or older with a diagnosis of moderate to severe acute pain who have experienced an inadequate response, allergies, contraindications, drugdrug interactions or intolerable side effects to at least two of the following preferred products: hydrocodone/acetaminophen, hydromorphone IR, morphine IR, oxycodone IR, oxycodone/acetaminophen IR and tramadol IR.

Concurrent Therapy with Buprenorphine/Naloxone or Buprenorphine Opioid Dependency Agents

Concurrent therapy of buprenorphine/naloxone or buprenorphine opioid dependency agents with short-acting narcotics requires the prescriber to submit a written letter of medical necessity stating the reasons that concurrent therapy is necessary.

QLL CRITERIA:

Oxycodone IR Generic

• An authorization to exceed the QLL may be approved for members with a diagnosis of cancer and for members whose dose is being tapered down.



Butorphanol Nasal Spray Generic

• An authorization to exceed the QLL may be approved one time for recurrent excessive headaches or migraines or acute pain.

EXCEPTIONS:

- Exceptions to these conditions of coverage are considered through the prior authorization process.
- The Prior Authorization process may be initiated by calling **OptumRx at 1-866-525-5827.**

PREFERRED DRUG LIST:

• For online access to the Preferred Drug List (PDL), please go to http://dch.georgia.gov/preferred-drug-lists.

PA and APPEAL PROCESS:

 For online access to the PA process, please go to <u>www.dch.georgia.gov/prior-authorization-process-and-criteria</u> and click on Prior Authorization (PA) Request Process Guide.

QUANTITY LEVEL LIMITATIONS:

For online access to the current Quantity Level Limits (QLL), please go to
 <u>www.mmis.georgia.gov/portal</u>, highlight Pharmacy and click on <u>Other Documents</u>, then select the most recent quarters QLL List.